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SUBJECT: MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO CHAD

REFS: A) NDJAMENA 2575, B) NDJAMENA 2650

1. REF A REPORTS CHADIAN VICE PRESIDENT DJIME'S STATEMENT THAT AS OF JULY 28 CHAD HAD APPROACHED ZAIRE, GABON, MOROCCO, EGYPT AND SUDAN AND REQUESTED TRANSFER OF US ORIGIN EQUIPMENT TO CHAD.

2. REF B REPORTS CHADIAN FOREIGN MINISTER KAMOUGUE WILL VISIT AMMAN AFTER JIDDA AND WILL MAKE FORMAL REQUEST FOR JORDANIAN ASSISTANCE. REF B FURTHER REPORTS THAT KAMOUGUE MAY CONTINUE TO TEHRAN.

3. FOR NDJAMENA: YOU SHOULD ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN THE DETAILS OF THE CHADIAN REQUEST TO SAUDI ARABIA AND AMMAN AND, SHOULD CHADIAN GOVERNMENT DECIDE KAMOUGUE SHOULD GO TO TEHRAN, TO IRAN. YOU MAY NOTE THAT THE SECRETARY WILL BE IN AMMAN AUGUST 5 TO 7 AND IN TAIF (SAUDI ARABIA) AUGUST 7 TO 9, AND THAT HE WOULD FIND DETAILS OF THE CHADIAN REQUEST HELPFUL. IN PARTICULAR, YOU SHOULD TRY TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER THE CHADIANS HAVE REQUESTED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT AND WHETHER

A RESPONSE HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM ANY OF THE GOVERNMENTS CITED IN REF A FROM WHICH THE CHADIANS HAVE REQUESTED THE TRANSFER OF US ORIGIN EQUIPMENT.

4. FOR KINSHASA: WE RAISED SUBJECT OF ASSISTANCE TO CHAD WITH ZAIRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER NGUZA DURING HIS RECENT

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VISIT TO WASHINGTON. NGUZA IMMEDIATELY TELEPHONED PRESIDENT MOBUTU WHO REPLIED TO OUR QUERY ABOUT GOZ VIEW BY SAYING THAT (A) ZAIRE STRONGLY SUPPORTS CHADIAN GOVERNMENT, (B) DOES NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE IT CAN ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO CHAD AS MOBUTU IS CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBLE ADVERSE PUBLICITY ABOUT ZAIRE BEING INVOLVED IN TOO MANY "WARS", BUT (C) GOZ WILL PUBLICLY SUPPORT ANY USG EFFORT TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO CHAD. YOU SHOULD CONFIRM WHETHER THIS REMAINS MOBUTU'S POSITION.

5. FOR RABAT, CAIRO, KHARTOUM, LIBREVILLE: YOU SHOULD SEEK TO ASCERTAIN WHAT RESPONSE, IF ANY, HAS BEEN MADE TO CHADIAN REQUEST.

6. FOR BRUSSELS AND BONN: YOU SHOULD ASCERTAIN WHAT REPLIES, IF ANY, HAVE BEEN MADE TO CHADIAN REQUESTS TO BELGIUM AND FRG FOR ASSISTANCE.

7. FOR ALL ADDRESSEES: IF ASKED, YOU MAY SAY THAT WE ARE SEEKING WAYS TO RESPOND TO CHADIAN REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE WITHIN THE MEANS AT OUR DISPOSAL AND THE LIMITS OF OUR LEGISLATION. AT PRESENT, THE MOST LIKELY WAYS OF

SUPPLYING CHAD WITH US ORIGIN MILITARY EQUIPMENT ARE
HROUGH COMMERCIAL PURCHASES, FOR WHICH CHAD WILL HAVE TO
FIND FINANCING, OR THROUGH TRANSFERS OF US ORIGIN EQUIP-
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